



# Stage Whispers



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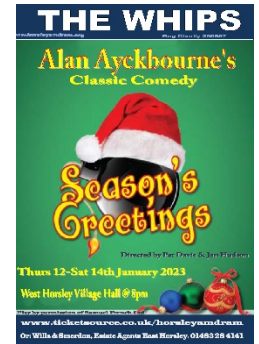
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## EDITORIAL

Regrettably we've had to cancel Seasons Greeting as out of a cast of five men & four women, we just couldn't find the last man despite fingers going out to all manner of societies online & off. Sign of the times it seems!  
Alternative plays are being sourced to try & salvage our first production for 2 odd years!

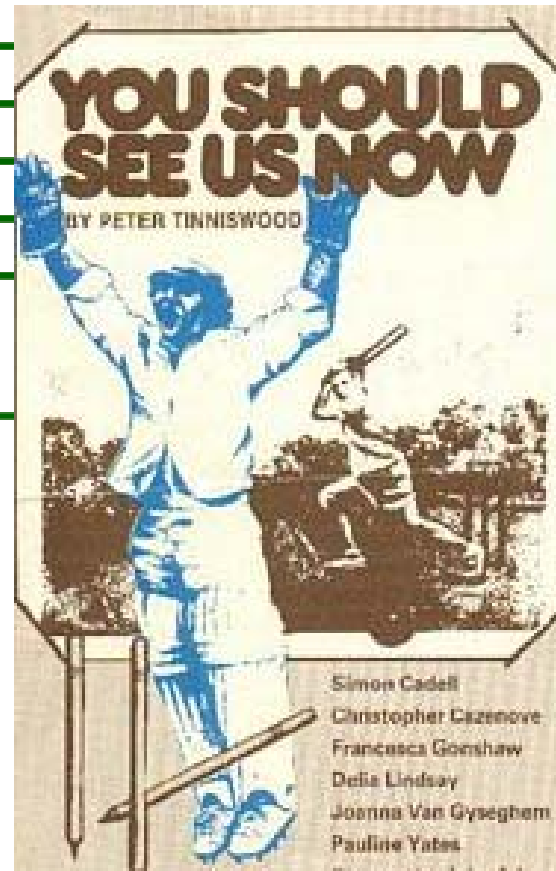
## NEXT WHIPS PRODUCTION

Due to the cancellation of Seasons Greetings, Chris & Jack went to the Ewell performing arts library now operated by NewSpal and trolled through various plays bearing in mind our limited cast members and in 3 hours came up with only one possibility, 'You Should See Us Now by Peter Tinniswood with 2male & 4 female roles, directed by Alan Ayckbourn. We will play read & possibly cast this play if suitable 7.30 on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at the Canterbury rooms EH



In 'You Should See Us Now', Graham, his young children expected for the weekend, calls on his friends for support....and the briskly efficient Pamela organises a maelstrom of activities that dismay children and adults But Tinniswood's imaginative skill provides some delightful dramatic twists in this original and highly entertaining play.

Cast	
Ernest	Simon Cadell
Graham	Christopher Cazenove
Kate	Francesca Gonshaw
With	Delia Lindsay Joanna Van Gyseghem Pauline Yates



As Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct was the first rehearsal date for Seasons Greetings Jack is inviting all the cast and others to come at 7.30 for a read through & possible casting so we can utilise all our original rehearsal bookings and performance dates if we decide to select this play.

So actors and support backstage cast please attend as if all else Fails, we will have fun just reading it!



## PLAYREADINGS



If anyone has a suitable set of plays that could be read for future play-readings, or have a willingness to host such events please contact [jackGriffith6@gmail.com](mailto:jackGriffith6@gmail.com) It really would be great to resurrect this popular arm of the Whips especially as, according to NewSPAL, we can look at a catalogue, & order play sets now thro' the post.

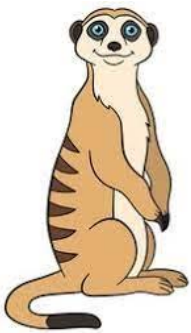
Any Volunteers to run this with different hosts or venues?.

## STAGE WHISPERS CO-EDITOR

Yours truly is getting help! Chris Cathles has volunteered to assist with Stage Whispers so hopefully with Chris's witticism and dreadful puns the pages might even be read before the 'and finally...' joke!



## MEERKAT NOTES



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There will be an AGM on Fri 2nd Dec at 7.30 in the West Horsley Village Hall at which the cups will be presented for the previous productions.

This will be followed by our Christmas social. We will provide refreshments but please bring a bottle and come and support your lovely friendly am dram group . We need you

1) as the next production has been difficult to cast alternative plays are being considered

3) a quiz night is being arranged for 11th Feb 2023 £17.50 pp with supper

4) hopefully monthly play readings will commence soon

5) The whippets production of Shrek The Musical is being staged March 22nd -

25th with matinee on 25th

5) The fire inspection of the coach house is completed . All users please be aware of energy uses as prices are increasing

6) Stage Whispers is an excellent way of keeping in touch with all members. Thanks to Jack for keeping it going. Chris Cathles has offered his help

7) The AGM will be held on 2nd Dec in the WHVH and will be followed by the Christmas Social All are welcome . Bring a bottle ( to help with expenses ) and enjoy seeing the presentations

## TECHNICAL



Following discussion at Committee level it has been agreed to amend the sound system in West Horsley Village Hall as used by Whippets, by fitting two small mid-and high-range speakers half-way down the Hall from the stage to augment the show sound to the rear of the auditorium. They will work off the main speakers but without bass. This will allow Peter (who does sound for Whippets shows) to work at a safer lower volume to avoid acoustic feedback, and produce a clearer overall sound

# CHRISTMAS 'BILLY BASH'

It's that time again, when the Whips 'Billy Bash' Christmas dinner is held at the King Billy pub. This time it's tentatively on Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7 for 7.30.

I'm afraid prices have increased a bit but the evening is usually great fun.

Please can you contact me on [jackgriffith6@gmail.com](mailto:jackgriffith6@gmail.com) if you wish to attend and let me know your menu choice e.g.: Soup. Turkey. Trifle would be A A B



## King William IV – Christmas 2022



### ☆ Starters ☆

- A **Homemade Lightly Spiced Parsnip Soup (V)**  
*With Multi-seed Bread & Salted Butter*
- B **Crab & Avocado Tower**  
*With Beetroot & Thyme Jus*
- C **Duck Parfait**  
*With Cranberry Sauce, Toast & Salted Butter*
- D **Wild Mushrooms (V)**  
*On Sourdough Bread With Creamy Mushroom Sauce*

### ☆ Mains ☆

- A **Succulent Roast Turkey**  
*With Chef's Stuffing & Pigs In Blankets*
- B **Slow Roasted Topside Of Beef**  
*With Yorkshire Pudding*
- C **Beetroot & Butternut Squash Wellington (V)**  
*The Above Served With Roasted Potatoes, Honey Roasted Parsnips & Carrots, Brussel Sprouts & Cauliflower Cheese*
- D **Oven Baked Fillet Of Seabass**  
*On Crushed New Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables & A Creamy Prawn Sauce*

### ☆ Puddings ☆

- A **Christmas Pudding**  
*With Brandy Cream*
- B **Homemade Rum Fruit Trifle**  
*With Chantilly Cream*
- C **Warm Chocolate Fondant**  
*With Vanilla Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce*
- D **Cheese Plate**  
*With Homemade Chutney, Grapes, Celery & Biscuits*

Christmas Party 1st - 23rd Dec 2 courses £23.90 3 courses £28.50

**Christmas Day - Glass of Bubbly & Canapés On Arrival  
With Coffee & Mints To Finish £89.50**

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V - Vegetarian ☆ Gluten Free & Vegan Available Upon Request

10% service charge goes directly to staff ☆ Bookings require a pre-order & deposit of 20%



Whips  
Scenery store with  
one of the  
Backdrops being  
prepared



Whippets rehearsals are in full flow. We are so happy with our cast and so pleased the 'parent machine' is up and running already! First backdrop already prepped for our scenery designer to get started!!

After to sell out run of Matilda, with so many unable to see the show, we will be adding a Wednesday eve performance for the first time.

Show runs 22-25 March 2023  
7.30pm with a Sat 2.30 matinee

Follow up on Facebook @Whippets.Horsley

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @7.30 Whips AGM & Christmas social after  
Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7-7.30 Billy Bash  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 @ 7.00 Whips Quiz night  
March 22-25<sup>th</sup> Whippets Shrek

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*and finally.....*

### “Stay!”

*I pulled into the crowded car park at the local shopping centre and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.*



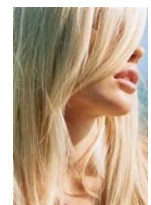
*She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there.*

*I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically,*

*"Now you stay. Do you hear me?"*

*"Stay! Stay!"*

*The driver of a nearby car, a pretty young blonde, gave me a strange look and said,*



*"Why don't you just put it in 'Park' or put the handbrake on?"*



This has been a 'get it out quickly to publicise the playreading' production

